

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustee Austin, LaChapelle, Watson and Chaplin; Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan; Sgt. Richard LaChapelle; James Allen; Carol Greenough; Karen Beckwith; Matt Saari; Brian Brooks; Dana Grant

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing to take public comments on the Village's community development needs and possible submission of Community Development Block Grant application requesting funds up to \$47,500.00 to be used to undertake a redevelopment plan and market analysis. The public hearing was closed at 6:06PM. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve the attached resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to submit the application to NYS Office of Community Renewal and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith would like the June 20, 2017 minutes amended. The motion to accept and sign the UPSEU contract for Full-Time Police Officers as proposed should be changed to approve the terms of the contract ending May 31, 2017, Section 1 Salary: are to be increased by 2-1/2% for each of the following three years: June 1, 2017-May 31, 2018, June 1, 2018-May 31, 2019, June 1, 2019- May 31, 2020; Section 4 Shift Differential: A-Line (10PM-6AM) .40/hr, C-Line (2PM-10PM) .50/hr; Section 5 Length of Service: 5-9 years-\$300, 10-16 years-\$600, 16-19 years-\$1400, 20 or more years-\$1650. Motion made by Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to approve the above terms and allow the Mayor to sign the contract upon review and agreement with the form and content presented therein and pay will be retroactive to June 1, 2017 and paid upon receipt of the fully executed contract signed by the authorized agent of both parties, Trustee LaChapelle abstaining, all other voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the amended minutes of the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

The following bids were received for the Maintenance and Repair of Nine Diesel Powered Emergency Generators:

Cummins Northeast	\$5,592.37
ENER-G Rudox, Inc.	\$7,000.00

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to award the bid the Cummins Northeast as the qualified low bidder, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Karen Beckwith complained about her neighbors allowing their dog to defecate on her lawn and not pick it up. Sgt. LaChapelle told her to call the police department and she could sign a loose dog complaint.

Dana Grant on behalf of the Planning Board requested access to a filing cabinet which is being kept at the Dept. of Public Works building that holds parcel records used by the Zoning Officer.

Brian Brooks submitted a letter requesting FOIL documents that he has not yet received. Mayor Smith stated that a letter was sent to Brian Brooks regarding the FOIL request and documents were available at the Clerk's Office. Mr. Brooks stated that the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company would like to buy the lot that the firehouse is on and the lot next to the Police Department for additional parking. He would like a resolution through either a sale or lease of the property to obtain the loan needed for necessary repairs to the building.

James Allen of Allen Forestry reported that the loggers have completed the logging on the Village's land. He will start marking trees on the section of land and preparing the necessary paperwork for bid on the next timber sale.

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LETTERS: Correspondence was received from Troy Weldy regarding evaluating the potential for forest carbon from the Village's property and to sell this carbon on behalf of the landowner. Marie Gandron submitted a letter asking the Board to consider a higher exemption on the tax bill for the Senior Citizens. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Co. submitted a request to purchase the property that the current firehouse is sited. A notification was received from Charter Communications regarding programming changes. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Co. submitted a letter stating that it is not a private organization. NYS Office of Community Renewal sent a reminder that the NYS CDBG Project #1249PR71-15 Sanitary Sewer Mains has a completion date of December 11, 2017. Correspondence was received with payment of \$10,246.59 for timber cutting. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Co. submitted an updated list of membership. Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Austin to accept the correspondence and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #63-118 totaling \$185,867.69, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: June reports were received from the Village Justice and Acting Village Justice. Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Watson reported that Pumping Station #1 only has one operating pump. He presented a quote from Pump Service & Supply of Troy for a new pump for a total of \$4,741.00. Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Austin to purchase a new pump from Pump Service & Supply of Troy for \$4,741.00, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Austin reported that Ballard & Son is doing a great job of mowing Boardman Street cemetery.

Trustee Chaplin reported that the Dept. of Public Works have been replacing sidewalk on South Williams Street and replacing the water main on Montcalm Avenue.

Sgt. LaChapelle reported that a Police vehicle was damaged by a person who was under arrest. There was \$2,000.00 of damage to the vehicle and this was reported to our insurance company. Restitution for the repairs to the vehicle will be sought in court. Sgt. LaChapelle will be retiring on July 26, 2017 and he and the Chief Bassett recommend hiring Katherine Paddock to the full-time position as a police officer. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to hire Katherine Paddock as a full-time police officer effective July 27, 2017, all voting in favor, CARRIED

APPLICATIONS: Heidi Matteson-Ray submitted an application for the part-time clerk position. Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept the application and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith reported that three candidates have been interviewed for the position of part-time clerk. He is checking references before hiring for this position.

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve payment of \$5,700.00 to Arold Construction Co. Inc. for Contract #1 Part A, \$85,862.43 to Arold Construction Co. Inc. for Contract #1 Part B, \$1,318.63 to Kenyon Pipeline Inspection, LLC for Contract #2 and \$43,381.40 to Environmental Design Partnership for engineering services for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation and to authorize Mayor Smith to sign the payment applications, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve the terms of the Department of Public Works contract ending May 31, 2017, Section 2 Salary increases change to June 1, 2017-May 31, 2018-.55/hr., June 1, 2018-May 31, 2019-.55/hr., June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020-.55/hr.; Section 2 Longevity-All full time employees will receive longevity pay based on the following length of service: 5-9 years-\$300, 10-14 years-\$450, 15-19 years-\$800, 20 or more years-\$1200 and to allow the Mayor to sign the contract upon review and agreement with the form and content presented therein and pay will be retroactive to June 1, 2017 and paid upon receipt of the fully executed contract signed by the authorized agent of both parties, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to authorize Mayor Smith to send a letter of endorsement to NYS Secretary of State and NYS Canal Corporation supporting Local Waterfront Revitalization Program funding for the canal trail from Whitehall to Fort Ann, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith appointed Trustee Austin as the Deputy Mayor.

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:07PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle  
Clerk-Treasurer